



Center for Medicaid and State Operations/Survey and Certification Group

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DATE: August 18, 2005

TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: **Nursing Homes** - Issuance of Technical Corrections to Appendix PP, State Operations Manual (SOM), Survey Protocol for Long Term Care Facilities

Letter Summary

- This memorandum announces that technical corrections are being made to Appendix PP of the SOM including correction of errors, adding new regulatory text, and moving selected language between tags.
- This is being submitted for immediate issuance; **we are enclosing only the transmittal cover sheet that includes a summary of the changes and not the revised Appendix PP itself, due to its large size.**

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we have made a set of technical corrections to several sections of Appendix PP of the SOM. Overall, the changes included adding new regulatory language, correcting errors (such as missing text), and moving certain regulatory language that had been added to 483.15 (Quality of Life) back to former locations. For detailed changes please see the enclosed transmittal.

For questions on this memorandum, please contact Linda O'Hara (410-786-8347, or email linda.ohara@cms.hhs.gov).

Effective Date: The SA should disseminate this information within 30 days of the date of this memorandum.

Training: The information contained in this announcement should be shared with all nursing home surveyors and supervisors.

/s/

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cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management (G-5)

Enclosure – Transmittal Cover Sheet with Summary of Changes Only

CMS Manual System

Pub. 100-07 State Operations Provider Certification

Department of Health &
Human Services (DHHS)
Centers for Medicare &
Medicaid Services (CMS)

Transmittal

Date:

SUBJECT:

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE*:

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Immediately

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply to the red italicized material only. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual not updated.)

(R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED) – (Only One Per Row.)

R/N/D	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
R	Appendix PP, 483.10(l) regulation and guidance was moved from F252 to Section 483.10
R	Appendix PP, Tag 172, Interpretive Guidelines, Par. 1, sentence changed.
R	Appendix PP, Tag 223, Interpretive Guidelines, last Par. added.
D	Erroneous regulatory number (1) was deleted from these regulations 483.13(c)(2), 483.13(c)(3) and 483.13(c)(4).
R	Appendix PP, Tag 225, language added in Interpretive Guidelines, at end.
D	Appendix PP, Tag 315, deleted outdated language at 483.25(d)
R	Appendix PP, Tag 329, missing language restored in Interpretive Guidelines, Par. 1, and the title “Interpretive Guidelines” was restored as well.
D	The first par. of Appendix PP, Tag 429, which refers to the now defunct Appendix N, was deleted.
R	Appendix PP, 483.70(a), regulatory language revised and new portions added per 42 CFR 2004 changes and 2005 changes
R	Appendix PP, 483.70(c)(1), (d), and (d)(2) were moved from Tag 246 to Section 483.70
R	Appendix PP, Tags 464-466, regulatory language was moved among these tags to correct an error in placement of text.

III. FUNDING: Medicare contractors shall implement these instructions within their current operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

	Business Requirements
x	Manual Instruction
	Confidential Requirements
	One-Time Notification
	Recurring Update Notification

***Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.**